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TO : Chief, SE

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FROM : Attn: C 7 214

SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBOPUS

SPECIFIC— Friday Mission Progress Report for the Period 1 March Through
22 April 1954

- REF: a. SGAA-9343, KAPOK-2513, 6 April 1954
b. SGAA-8997, 18 March 1954
c. SGAA-9464, KAPOK-2532, 9 April 1954
d. C 7 6930, 20 April 1954
e. SGAA-8677, 1 March 1954
f. C 7 6944, 22 April 1954
g. SGAA-9492, 13 April 1954
h. C 7 6925, 20 April 1954

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Headquarters' Action Required

Approval of Friday Mission Plan in ref. a.
Clearance for AIKNAVE on basis of biographic data submitted Set 10.4
in refs. b., c., and d.
Support on the problem of police dogs requested in refs. e. and f.

Synopsis

We have proceeded with preparations for the mounting of Friday Mission as presented in references on the assumption it will be authorized. We have recorded below action taken to date in accordance with reporting requirements. Subsequent progress reports will be prepared at monthly intervals.

AIRBRED has been recruited per ref. h.

RNDOLLAR, AIRBRED and AIKNAVE have all passed physical examinations and are receiving inoculations.

Friday Mission has been cleared with C 7

C 7 office has confirmed the use of dogs by Albanian border forces.

Sequence of Events

First Part of March

1. We interviewed RNDOLLAR to develop his proposal of a mission to his home town. He was living with the W/T standbys and AIDEFT in a safehouse in Kifissia at the time.

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2. RNDOLLAR asked to

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2. RNDOLLAR asked to have AIKNAVE and Identity (1) to accompany him on the proposed mission. We interviewed AIKNAVE on the 11th of March and confirmed his willingness to work for the Committee.

22 March

3. RNDOLLAR and AIDEFT got in an argument during a game of cards. AIDEFT accused RNDOLLAR of blowing the safehouse to a local prostitute which RNDOLLAR vehemently denies. The argument was climaxed by AIDEFT hitting RNDOLLAR and the latter attempting to retaliate with a kitchen knife. He was restrained by the W/T standbys. The next day he was removed to Khalkis, but not in time to prevent him from delivering a blow to AIDEFT's head with a length of board. AIDEFT was banished to "The Ranch" at the same time to avoid continuation of the battle. We are now investigating the lady in question.

26 March

4. AIRBRED was terminated and Fig Tree Team disbanded. AIRBRED requested to go to Lavrion on 2 April.

5. Identity (1) was interviewed after the meeting with Fig. He proved to be in poor physical condition and could not, therefore, be considered for the mission.

5 April

6. Identity (2), ref. g., arrived in Athens and was interviewed for his recent knowledge of the situation in Friday's target town. He confirmed that several of RNDOLLAR's potential contacts were at large. Identity (2) was of no operational value and was returned to [] for shipment to Lavrion.

7 April

7. RNDOLLAR reported in Athens for an interview. He was told by [] that his days with us were numbered, if he could not stay out of trouble. He was briefed on security measures to take prior to the mounting of his team. These include beginning a correspondence with his friend, RNADUANA, from Khalkis which will be continued while he is in training. Letters will be forwarded to and from Khalkis by []'s office to create the impression RNDOLLAR is still there.

8. RNDOLLAR was given a physical examination by [] and pronounced physically fit whereupon he also received his first series of inoculations.

9. [] informed RNDOLLAR that Identity (1) was not physically able to go with him and again suggested that he infiltrate with only one other man.

RNDOLLAR stated that

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RNDOLLAR stated that he would obey instructions on this matter but reiterated his request for two team members. He pointed out that AIKNAVE was young and inexperienced. He also argued that one man in the group would have to be awake at all times as a sentry. If he only had one man with him, this would work an additional physical hardship on him over a period of days. [] decided to permit RNDOLLAR a third man for the first phase of the mission provided he would accept one who was already cleared. [] proposed AIRBRED whom RNDOLLAR had listed as an acceptable team member in his original operational plan last fall. RNDOLLAR readily agreed to AIRBRED.

14 April

10. AIRBRED reported for an interview. He was asked if he was interested in working again and replied in the affirmative; he would accept any assignment given him. He was told that we could not permit him to return to Lavrion for several months, if he decided against the assignment after hearing about it. He stated he was willing to take the chance of being isolated and upon hearing our proposal, accepted immediately.

11. AIRBRED was given a physical by [], who confirmed his excellent health and he got his first series of inoculations. He then returned to Lavrion with the story that we had found work for him on a farm in Kalamata at the south end of the Peloponneses.

15 April

12. A meeting was held attended by [] and [] at which [] outlined planning for Friday Mission. Our purpose was to stimulate criticism and to insure that all concerned with the operation were thoroughly familiar with it. This meeting yielded some valuable suggestions. Among them:

a. Friday Team may be able to carry enough food to sustain it, thus avoiding the additional jeopardy of recruiting a support contact.

b. If a support contact is required, better compartmentation would be achieved by using an acquaintance of AIKNAVE rather than of RNDOLLAR.

c. Upon exfiltration the team should be removed from the border area as quickly and securely as possible by a [] vehicle to a rendezvous south of Ioannina for pick-up by an OBOPUS vehicle.

16 April

13. RNDOLLAR and AIKNAVE reported for inoculations. RNDOLLAR returned immediately to KHALKIS.

14. AIKNAVE was examined by [] who informed us he was fit for operations.

15. RNDOLLAR was given

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AIKNAVE
15. ~~RNDOLLAR~~ was given his pre-LCFLUTTER interview by [] and []

17 April

16. AIKNAVE was LCFLUTTERED by [] with [], and [] reported favorable results.

17. [] and [] accompanied [] to Ioannina. Friday Mission was discussed during this overnight trip. Major points covered:

a. [] agreed to our mounting of Friday Mission. He stated it did not conflict with plans of his organization.

b. [] instructed Identity (6), KYP CO at Ioannina, to work as closely as possible with [] and the proper Greek military authorities at Identity (3) to acquire the detailed border intelligence necessary to mount this operation.

c. [] approved of our plan to move the team to Identity (4) by boat for pick-up by his men.

d. [] was briefed by [] to make the necessary arrangements for the handling of Friday Team prior to infiltration and after exfiltration.

21 April

18. All three members of Friday arrived in Athens for inoculations. RNDOLLAR was then returned to Khalkis, AIRBRED was installed in the "Anapolis" safehouse in Kifissia and AIKNAVE was placed in a hotel in Phaleron to await his clearance.

22 April

19. [] had an interview with GADROON during which the latter stated that a Greek agent team had been ambushed on the border in the vicinity of Identity (5) on or about the 14th of April. He could not explain why this fact had not been mentioned during the [] discussions in Ioannina on the 17th and 18th of April.

20. In answer to [] question GADROON confirmed the use of dogs by the Albanian border patrols. He stated that these dogs did not seem well trained, however, because during the above ambush a dog belonging to one group of border guards attacked another group of border guards rather than the Greek team.

Comment

21. Our decision to permit RNDOLLAR 2 men for this mission is based primarily on the fact that AIKNAVE is inexperienced and untried. We can not overlook the possibility that the boy may change his mind about going along between now and when the team is scheduled to infiltrate or that he may be too frightened to be of

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much use once the team has reached its operational area. Although the occurrence of either of these possibilities and the resultant loss of AIKNAVE's recent area knowledge would be a serious handicap to RNDOLLAR, the team could still probably be mounted with AIRBRED on hand.

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Identity (1) - Emin Elmas Malo

Identity (2) - Visel Dule, U.N. 1021

Identity (3) - Filiates

Identity (4) - Sayiadhas

Identity (5) - Konispol

Identity (6) - Major Thomaidhis

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